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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 16, 2009, and further in response to the Advisory Action mailed September 30, 2009 in the above-referenced application. Applicants submit this paper in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). This paper constitutes a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.14(c).

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed April 16, 2009. With the three-month extension, this paper is due on or before October 16, 2009. Further to the Petition for a Two-Month Extension and corresponding extension fee (\$490.00) previously submitted on September 16, 2009, Applicants submit herewith credit card payment in the amount of \$620.00 in payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe that the payment submitted herewith (\$620.00) combined with the payment submitted on September 16, 2009 (\$490.00) satisfies the fee requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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